Demand for Indian Coffee

797. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Coffee prices spill over as Ministry, Board bungle" which appeared in 'The Observer of Business and Politics', New Delhi dated the 14th July, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the measures Government propose to ensure that the international demand for Indian coffee, which is going up, is not affected and the cartel of exporters led by Brooke Bond India Limited and Nestle India do not resort to aggressive buying to make a fast buck?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to this newsitem. However, there is no bungling whatsoever on the part of the Coffee Board or the Ministry of Commerce. After introduction of free sale quota for the growers by the end of 1993-94 season alongwith the single auction system for domestic and export market, taking I.C.O. indicator price as reserve price, the international prices of coffee are reflecting on domestic market also. Due to various reasons including reported damage to coffee crop in Brazil, there is a general shortage of coffee in the world market. This has resulted in the coffee prices showing an upward trend in most international auction centres.

(c) The free sale quota has been introduced this year specifically with a view that Indian exporters can establish themselves in international market. There is no cartel of exporters since common open auctions are now conducted by the Coffee Board for exports as well as for domestic buyers.

Export of spices

798. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the export of spices;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction during the last three years;

(c) the names of the countries to which different kind of spices have been exported during the last three years; and

(d) the year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government/Spices Board has taken a number of steps for promotion of export of spices. These include:—

(i) Quality evaluation and upgradation to international standards;

(ii) Promotion of export of value added spices in the form of curry powder, spice oil and oleoresins, branded consumer packed spices dehydrated green pepper etc.

(iii) Strengthening the market base in existing markets and identfying new markets;

(iv) Providing assistance for promotion of specific brands by individual exporters in overseas markets;

(v) Popularising logo as a mark of Indianness and quality to spices in consumer packs;

(vi) Sponsoring sales-cum-study delegation, participation in selected international food fairs and organising buyer-seller meets;

(vii) Providing Grant-in-aid for setting up laboratory and accreditation of ISO 9000;

(viii) Providing project feasibility report for establishment of curry powder ground spices manufacturing unit.

(c) and (d) A statement containing country-wise export of spices from India during the last three years is enclosed.

Statement

Country-wise export of total spices from India during **91-92, 92-93** *and* **93-94** *(Quantity in MT and Value in Rs. Lakhs)*

Major Countries	1991-92		1992-93(P)		1993-94(E)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
TOTAL	142104	38096.76	126820	40948.47	175532	54012.44
U.S.A.	17274	7623.88	28148	12390.12	28293	15830.80
U.A.E.	13341	2163.87	14802	2754.90	14317	3079.83
U.K.	6208	1974.71	6347	2586.92	8519	2962.11
U.S.S.R./CIS	9575	4399.23	2142	760.62	7277	2874.89
Japan	6831	1616.78	6140	2391.51	6316	2396.66
Sri Lanka	11790	2754.36	5771	1820.30	11854	2174.13
Germany	2130	1067.37	3058	1938.78	4356	2079.63
Bangladesh	28387	5039.91	9203	738.76	16746	2074.43
Singapore	6650	1288.52	6646	2044.87	6393	1730.84
Pakistan	8656	881.97	8003	1279.20	10107	1666.13
Saudi Arabia	4523	1205.44	4117	1231.63	4686	1647.07
Canada	7344	935.76	2769	1068.03	2964	1299.15
France	1494	482.48	2002	1071.90	3034	1167.27
Netherlands	1413	440.81	1705	570.65	2955	1122.96
Italy	1809	652.46	1741	572.74	2332	848.28
Malayasia	2889	538.26	3305	644.68	4126	735.70
Australia	734	316.54	703	353.70	1583	718.35
Y.A.R.	2277	472.99	1105	248.20	2908	683.11
Poland	604	201.27	1003	317.01	1573	643.78
Egypt (A.R.E.)	394	78.41	1127	246.90	1799	609.26
Korea (South)	315	271.89	518	439.59	360	518.90
Spain	409	239.73	363	234.18	855	415.88

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Czechoslovakia	847	242.95	792	273.97	720	319.21
Kuwait	445	160.75	835	241.29	883	285.48
Indonesia	257	40.28	1148	199.78	1801	285.16
Bahrain	773	183.44	528	175.95	735	247.79
Israel	538	115.81	605	152.94	978	239.20
Mexico	353	407.44	822	585.10	153	225.33
Brazil	11	5.83	152	144.81	234	222.38
Morocco	550	139.50	945	256.63	852	219.36
Iran.	463	82.77	709	163.13	1059	216.91
Tunisia	286	54.88	390	90.74	981	186.16
Oman	655	177.33	576	199.68	602	185.45
Sweden	86	72.90	162	81.63	313	178.47
Mauritius	233	52.68	606	186.43	930	171.42
Denmark	203	105.62	329	220.4	311	160.99
Romania	505	172.34	31	12.27	328	157.18
Taiwan	451	38.57	457	297.18	355	153.72
Jordan	314	45.01	753	124.50	845	143.06
South Africa	..	..	..	..	397	127.21
Hong Kong	305	117.93	402	173.68	357	117.46
Mozambique	54	5.75	284	70.37	613	113.92
Switzerlaud	584	104.03	533	112.45	411	112.88
Greece	107	37.12	60	34.87	259	112.24
Newzealand	190	66.54	230	103.52	287	112.18
Qatar	82	30.46	249	73.63	414	110.42
Belgium	384	256.80	419	150.97	240	92.61
Finland	19	34.07	4	18.79	123	70.19
Maldives	131	34.18	118	31.25	321	67.05
Nepal	776	169.88	606	190.58	312	60.72
Argentina	13	7.21	46	79.45	60	59.67
Sudan	..	..	3	2.60	143	56.17
Phillipines	27	18.10	70	45.68	45	53.45

(P) Provisional (E) Estimate

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta/Shipping Bills/Exporters Returns.